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## WAXMAN PRAISES JUDICIAL REAFFIRMATION ON FIRST AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Los Angeles) today expressed pleasure with a decision of the Federal Court in Los Angeles striking down a statutory ban on editorials on non-commercial broadcasting. Waxman was one of three plaintiffs in League of Women Voters v. Federal Communications Commission, a case filed in 1979.

Waxman stated,

"It is unfair to deny to public broadcasting the same rights to offer editorials as are given to commercial broadcasting stations. The discrimination against public broadcasters made no sense, was unfair, and denied the public the expression of views that a station felt strongly enough to put forth. All broadcasters, regardless of whether their revenues are derived from federal support or commercial advertising are entitled to the fullest protection of our Constitution."

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